

1 Claims

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3 1. The combination of a display with an interactive terminal comprising:

4 a large area electronic display able to exhibit large scale images viewable at

5 substantial distances by passers by, said display mounted on a base;

6 an interactive terminal computer having at least one peripheral device enabling

7 interactive access to store data in said interactive terminal computer;

8 such display connected to said computer which generates signals alternatively

9 producing a display image occupying the complete area of said electronic display in one mode,

10 and in another mode, generating display images confined to a lower section of said electronic

11 display;

12 said interactive terminal computer having at least one peripheral connected thereto

13 enabling interactive use by reference to said display image confined to said lower section of said

14 electronic display.

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16 2. The combination according to claim 1 further including a pair of screen

17 panels, each mounted on a respective side of said lower section of said electronic display.

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19 3. The combination according to claim 2 wherein said screen panels are

20 electronically changeable from a transparent to an opaque state, said panels electronically

21 controlled by said computer to be opaque during use of said interactive terminal computer.

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1 4. The combination according to claim 1 wherein said electronic display is  
2 capable of a touch screen function, to at least partially enable control of said interactive terminal  
3 computer.

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5 5. The combination according to claim 4, further including a keyboard for  
6 control of said interactive terminal computer.

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8 6. The combination according to claim 1 further including an internet  
9 connection to said interactive terminal computer.

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11 7. The combination according to claim 6 wherein video signals for exhibiting  
12 said one mode display images on said complete area of said electronic display are loadable into  
13 said computer via said internet connection.

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15 8. The combination according to claim 1 further including a motion-  
16 proximity detector generating a signal upon approach of a passerby to a predetermined closeness,  
17 said computer responsive thereto to modify a display image normally exhibited by said electronic  
18 display.

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20 9. The combination according to claim 1 wherein said electronic display is  
21 switched from said one mode to said other mode upon initial use of an interactive terminal  
22 computer peripheral device.

1 10. The combination according to claim 8 wherein said normal display is  
2 resumed upon retreat of any passerby away from said kiosk.

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4 11. A method of using an electronic display both as an electronic billboard  
5 and as a display for an interactive terminal comprising the step of exhibiting a large scale image  
6 on a large area electronic display;

7 coupling an interactive terminal computer to said electronic display; and  
8 switching to a reduced area display exhibited by a portion of the area of said  
9 electronic display comprising displays generated by interactive terminal computer.

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11 12. The method according to claim 11 further including the step of activating  
12 chromogenic privacy panels arranged to create a privacy space adjacent said portion of said  
13 electronic display.

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15 13. The method according to claim 11 further including the step of  
16 periodically changing said display image from video data transmitted via an internet connection.

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18 14. The method according to claim 11 further including the step of changing  
19 said display image in response to the approach of a passerby to the vicinity of said interactive  
20 terminal computer.